

LEON COUNTY COUNTYWIDE CITIZENS
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2004 Annual Report

1/5/04 An annual report for 2003 was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners as required in the Committee's bylaws. The Committee outlined issues and objectives for 2004. They are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Objectives</u>
Enforcement of County Regulations	Continue to monitor and seek improvements (e.g., recommend new full-time environmental ombudsman or enforcement officer). Ensure that southside sector and other major planning initiatives incorporate water quality environmental concerns, including quantity control, pollution prevention, and conservation of potable sources.
Continued Review of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments	Review and consider initiation of new amendment(s) by committee.
County Stormwater Fee	Continue to monitor, analyze, and consider recommendations affecting the assessment, collection, and use of any fees.
Water Quality Monitoring	Review and consider recommendations to continue present monitoring, and additional monitoring and increase in monitoring variables (e.g., biological).
Conservation Incentives	Review and consider adoption of development and other incentives for developers and homeowners to create conservation easements and/or buffers to protect natural waterbodies and watercourses.
Public Education	Review and consider recommendations to initiate and/or support public education efforts intended to protect lakes and other surface and ground water features and to consider and prevent negative impacts.

Ongoing Issues

Track, review, and consider policy and other recommendations as necessary and appropriate. These would include the COT SE Sprayfield, ongoing Leon County studies, comprehensive plan requirements, other major developments that could impact surface waterbodies and groundwater resources.

- 2/9: Theresa Heiker of the Leon County Department of Public Works presented recent county actions and strategy concerning the state's Total Maximum Daily Load program and its impacts and ramifications upon Leon County. Ms. Heiker also updated the Committee on the County's efforts to restore Gum Swamp. The Committee was made aware of and discussed the proposed Wal-Mart Superstore on Hwy. 27 North and its potential impacts to Lake Jackson.
- 3/8: John Kraynack of the Leon County Division of Growth and Environmental Management summarized a proposed Volume Control and Flood Protection ordinance for committee review and comment. Staff presented summaries of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments received during the Cycle 2004-2 period, and the committee selected a set of proposed amendments to review and comment upon.
- 4/12: Planning Department Staff presented summaries of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2004-2-M-003, M-005, and M-008. The Committee voted its recommendations to the Board in a letter.
- John Kraynack of the Leon County Division of Growth and Environmental Management presented the revised proposed Volume Control and Flood Protection ordinance. Following the presentation, the Committee expressed its support for the ordinance.
- 5/3: U.S. Geological Survey staff presented the intentions and scope of a three-year study the federal government is going to make of nitrate migration and fate from the City of Tallahassee's Southeast Sprayfield. City of Tallahassee Stormwater Division staff presented the City's strategies to address the State of Florida's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program.
- 6/7: No meeting was held for lack of a quorum.
- 7/5: No meeting was held for lack of a quorum.
- 8/2: No meeting was held for lack of a quorum.
- 9/13: Leon County Department of Growth and Environmental Management staff presented revisions to the county's floodplain ordinance to the committee for review. The Committee expressed its support for the proposed changes, and voted to send a letter to the Board as such.
- Planning Department staff presented a selected list of Cycle 2005-1 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the committee to consider reviewing. A final list of amendments were selected for the committee's next meeting in October.
- 10/4: Planning Department staff presented Cycle 2005-1 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the department's analyses and recommendations. These amendments

included 2005-1-M-009, 2005-1-M-013, 2005-1-M-014, 2005-1-M-015, 2005-1-T-016, 2005-1-T-026, 2005-1-T-028, 2005-1-T-029, 2005-1-T-031, and 2005-1-T-032. The Committee voted to send a letter to the Board recommending denial for all but M-009 and T-026, which the Committee expressed its support for. Except for those amendments that were withdrawn, the final votes taken by the City and County Commissions reflected the recommendations of the Committee, which also presented its recommendations to the Planning Commission in a public meeting.

- 11/1: Leon County Attorney's Office staff presented the latest draft of the county's Aquifer/Wellhead Protection Ordinance for the committee to review and comment. Following the presentation, the Committee voted its support for the ordinance.

A conceptual Watershed Protection Plan discussed by both City and County representatives was presented to the committee and discussed.

- 12/6: Don Axelrad, committee chair, initiated and lead a discussion of possible next steps intended to address the increased protection of Wakulla Springs, including steps and roles for the committee to consider. This included participation or support for a scientific summit intended to present and discuss the full range of research on the springs and the issues affecting the springs' water quality, and to work towards a set of positions from this summit that could be used by planners, resource managers, and decisionmakers to begin to address these issues in a positive manner.